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Celebrate 40 Years of Amtrak: Railroad Museum to Host Unique Amtrak 40th Anniversary “Exhibit Train” Plus Special Activities -- November 5-6

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In celebration of Amtrak’s 40 years of passenger railroad history, the California State Railroad Museum and Amtrak are teaming up to offer a weekend of special 40th Anniversary activities taking place in Old Sacramento State Historic Park on November 5-6, 2011.

As a crowd-pleasing, visual centerpiece to the festivities, a unique Amtrak 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train is making a special stop in Old Sacramento for free public tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. all weekend long. As part of a national tour, the special Exhibit Train will be on display outside (at the foot of I Street) and will showcase memorabilia from the national passenger railroad’s past 40-year history while also providing a glimpse into the future of passenger rail service. Aboard the stationary Exhibit Train, visitors will have a chance to see Amtrak memorabilia like photos, vintage advertising, past menus and dinnerware, period uniforms and more. Plus, just outside the California State Railroad Museum on the 1849 Scene lawn, there will be a fun “Chuggington Depot” set-up with lots of free activities for kids.

And as a special treat for film and rail enthusiasts, visitors to the California State Railroad Museum on Saturday, November 5, will have two opportunities to watch a new Amtrak 40th Anniversary film titled “Amtrak: The First 40 years, 1971-2011” with a special, in-person introduction by film producer Rich Luckin. The new film will be shown inside the California State Railroad Museum Theater at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday only. While there is no additional cost to watch the film, regular Museum admission fees apply.

More information about Amtrak’s 40th Anniversary and the special Exhibit Train is available at www.Amtrak40th.com while more information about activities, events and exhibits offered by the California State Railroad Museum is available by calling 916-445-6645 or visiting www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.

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